

Representatives. Our first taste of government was as outsiders and sideline players who were mainly called upon to help others win the races. Texas in the 70's wasn't open to allowing women a seat at the political table so our admittance was earned vote by vote. As women in Texas politics, we shared the same struggles and the many sacrifices which are often not asked of men in politics.

In her popular address to the Girls State in 1993, she commented that 'as a woman you cannot count on Prince Charming to make you feel better about yourself or to take care of you, like some funhouse mirror that reflects you at twice your real size because Prince Charming may be driving a Honda and telling you that you have no equal ...but that won't do you much good when you've got kids and a mortgage. . . and he has a beer gut and a wandering eye.'

Ann believed in telling people the truth, especially young girls who were in danger of not maximizing their full potential. For those of us who knew Ann, she would be pleased that her many distinguished accomplishments as a woman in the male dominated Texas politics represented a beacon of hope to many young women who shared her unconventional aspirations.

In 1982 when a seat opened as the State Treasurer, Ann sought the Democratic nomination after the incumbent withdrew from the race. As State Treasurer and as a true pragmatist with a keen eye for technology, she transformed the Texas Treasury into a modern operation which encompassed electronic funds transfer, modernized investments and cash management systems. Along the way, Ann earned the respect and admiration of the business community who appreciated her foresight and vision.

In 1990 as the first woman Governor of Texas in 50 years, Ann aligned herself with the late Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Comptroller John Sharp and together formalized a statewide performance review of agencies that inevitably led to much needed recommendations for change.

In her tenure as Governor she was adamant about appointing minorities on state boards and commissions. Ann wanted Texas Government to reflect the people of the State and was proud of the rich cultural and vast diversity engrained in every corner of Texas.

Ann is survived by her four children: Cecile, Daniel, Clark and Ellen and their spouses: Kirk Adams, Linda Richards, Sharon Zeugin and Greg Johnson and her much beloved eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker in closing, it is worthy to mention Ann's legacy as an independent thinker, a strong-minded and compassionate woman with a sharp wit and charming personality who loved her State and the people of Texas so much she dedicated 12 years of her life to serve them. I am saddened at the loss of Governor Ann Richards but I am certain that her legacy will live in the minds and hearts of young women everywhere who now have Ann to remind them that there is nothing as women they cannot accomplish.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PRESTON ROBERT TISCH

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 605, a resolution recognizing the life of Preston Robert Tisch and his outstanding contributions to New York City, the New York Giants Football Club, the National Football League, and the United States. Mr. Tisch died, at the age of 79, on November 15, 2005, at his home in Manhattan, New York. The cause of his demise was a brain tumor, as said Jeffrey Stewart, spokesman for the family. New Yorkers knew Mr. Tisch as Bob and will always remember his stupendous economic support and leadership on several civic initiatives committed to the betterment of the city.

Having made his fortune from the real estate business in New York, Bob Tisch was a dedicated man who truly loved this city and exemplified the belief that the prime responsibility and highest calling of those fortunate enough to have achieved financial security was to use the resources and capacity to improve the lives of other people. Many New Yorkers were helped by the generosity of Mr. Tisch's civic commitment.

In May 2005, Mr. Tisch was interviewed for the online edition of Education Update magazine by Joan Baum, Ph.D. Dr. Baum described him as an "extraordinary life of public service and philanthropy". Mr. Tisch's service as Postmaster General of the United States in the 90s was mentioned. As well as his participation in a partnership program to fund community programs, sitting on the board as a founding member of Citymeals-on-wheels, and as an essential driving force behind the new Giants Stadium.

In 2000, Mr. Tisch founded a program known as "Take the Field", which benefited public schools by restoring athletic fields in New York to provide spaces for children to both practice and play. Since its inception "Take the Field" has already successfully restored 41 of 43 athletic fields in New York. By May 2005 Mr. Tisch's efforts had raised \$135 million in private and public funds for "Take the Field." Ernie Accorsi, Giants General Manager, 1998-present stated: "Bob Tisch was a historic man in New York City history. His contributions ranged from government, both National and local, to the entertainment world to the sports world, but most important, to incredible charitable acts. His 'Take the Field' program was one of the most innovative and beautiful efforts in athletics in this country. But in addition to these things and to his co-ownership of one of the great franchises in American sport, in addition to his brilliance and dynamic New York presence, was the soul of a good and decent man who cared about people and did countless deeds to help those less fortunate, acts which never received notice."

Mr. Tisch wanted to improve health and increase the academic performance of not only students, but also of the communities as well. Mr. Tisch was very interested in education.

Evidence of this is the Tisch School of the Arts and the Preston Robert Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Sports at New York University.

Mr. Tisch also served as Mayor David N. Dinkins "ambassador" to Washington, he was chairman of host committees for the 1976 and 1980 Democratic National Conventions, and also led the way in building a new convention center on Manhattan's West Side. He was the Chairman and Director of the Loews Corporation, one of the country's most successful financial companies.

In 1991 he purchased the New York Giants and loved to attend practices and share opinions with coaches. Mr. Tisch improved the Giant's business by sharpening the team's marketing strategies. As a member of the National Football League's Finance and Super Bowl Policy Committees, Mr. Tisch attained prominence in the sports arena equal to his position in the world of business.

We all mourn the loss of Bob Tisch, who left an indelible mark on our society. He will always be alive in our hearts and minds. As a friend, I will greatly miss a remarkable man whose companionship I treasured, and whose energetic, enthusiastic, and enormously big heart will never be forgotten.

RECOGNITION OF THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH 28TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the People's Community Baptist Church, which is located within my congressional district, on its 28th anniversary, which will be celebrated September 15-17, 2006.

Since its founding in 1978, the People's Community Baptist Church has established a legacy built on spiritual empowerment, social action and community outreach. Its outstanding leadership in the community has touched lives throughout Montgomery County, Maryland and beyond.

With the strong foundation laid by the late Reverend Dr. Thomas Jeremiah Baltimore, this ministry has shown benevolence through ministries such as the Social Action Agency, a church ministry that addresses social concerns of the community in all areas affecting quality of life. Under its umbrella, numerous initiatives have been started, including family health programs, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous chapter meetings, cancer support groups, voter registration drives, and the SHARE program (low-cost monthly food distribution). A prison ministry was also begun, bringing the message of hope and redemption to the incarcerated.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent this progressive and distinguished ministry and extend my best wishes for continued success to The People's Community Baptist Church on this special occasion.